

	<b><u>Reader</u></b>	<b><u>Readings</u></b>
Sun 6 May	Margaret Gray	Acts 8: 26 – 40; 1 John 4: 7 – 21; (John 15: 1 – 8)
Sun 13 May	Liz Johnson	Acts 10: 44 – 48; 1 John 5: 1 – 6; (John 15: 9 – 17)
Thurs 17 May		Acts 1: 1 – 11; Ephesians 1: 15 – 23; (Luke 24: 44 – 53)
Sun 20 May	Alan Waddell	Acts 1: 15, 17, 21 – 26; 1 John 5: 9 – 13; (John 17: 6 – 19)
Sun 27 May	Margaret Gray	Acts 2: 1 – 21; Romans 8: 22 – 27; (John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b – 15)
Sun 3 Jun	Liz Johnson	Isaiah 6: 1 – 8; Romans 8: 12 – 17; (John 3: 1 – 7)

### **Healing Service**

A reminder that the first of our new Healing Services will be held on Wednesday 2 May at 2.30pm and will be followed by tea and coffee in the Dickson Hall. Jesus brought healing to those who were weak and in distress; there are times in our lives and those of people we know, when we find ourselves in need of Jesus' healing. Please bring friends to share in these services that are non Eucharistic and open to everyone.

### **Prayer for May**

*Words from an ancient Irish Prayer*

The path I walk, Christ walks it. May the land in which I am be without sorrow.

May the Trinity protect me wherever I stay, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bright angels walk with me – dear presence – in every dealing.

May I arrive at every place, may I return home; may the way in which I spend be a way without loss.

May every path before me be smooth, man, woman and child welcome me.

A truly good journey! Well does the fair Lord show us a course, a path. Amen.

### **Something to make you smile**

A mother said "when my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "and all girls". It soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the better of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls"? Her response, "because everybody always finished their prayers by saying 'all men'!".

*Thanks to Ross for sharing this*

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### **From your Rector**

Dear Friends

I have a little gem on my book shelves entitled 'Living in two Kingdoms'. It has powerful images to help the reader recognise that the world we know and the invisible world of the spirit are not two worlds but one – we just have to take time and open ourselves to recognise the signs.

In this season of Easter we are more open, our spiritual awareness is more heightened – our Lenten journey with Jesus and the post Easter readings of the encounters the disciples had with their risen Lord encourage us to look for Jesus in our day to day lives.

As the April showers continue to dampen our spirits and the world seems out of kilter perhaps we can explore the wonders and the mystery of the world and our place in it – our lives are a journey of love – a journey with God and it is a journey without end. This Easter season reminds us of eternal life and a relationship with God who is eternal. Alleluia!

With love & prayers, Christine

### **From our Service Registers**

This month can we please remember in our prayers those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Rachael Pride, Bob Mumford, Leaha Johnstone and Susan Lumley.

### **Faith in Action**

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Scotland has produced a 'Faith in Action' Calendar for 2012. Copies of the monthly leaflets will be available in church. The leaflets give suggestions for prayer and projects with the focus in April will be 'Peace and Justice'.

### **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who made a personal donation to Bishop David's Lent Appeal for the Fikelela the HIV and AIDS Anglican charity in Cape Town. Mike has advised me that we have collected in the region of £100. This money will make a significant difference to the work of this most worthwhile cause.

### **May/June Events**

Sun 6 May 2.30pm	Afternoon Tea in Dickson Hall - £1.50
Sun 3 June 6.30pm	Choral Evensong with ABI singers. Refreshments to follow.
Sun 24 June 2.30pm	Afternoon Tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

### **May Services Diary**

Every Wednesday	Midday Prayers (15mins) in Church
1st Wednesday of each month	2.30pm Healing Service (45mins) followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 6 May 10.30am	5th Sunday of Easter. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall. Preacher Margaret Gray.
Sun 13 May 10.30am	Sea Sunday. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall. Guest preacher Rev Jim McRae, Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers.
Thurs 17 May 7.00pm	Ascension. Eucharist.
Sun 20 May 10.30am	7th Sunday of Easter. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 27 May 10.30am	Pentecost. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.
Sun 3 June 10.30am	Trinity Sunday. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall.

### **May Rotas**

	<b><u>Reception</u></b>	<b><u>Offering</u></b>
Sun 6 May	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson
Sun 13 May	Christine Barker	Janette Turvey
Sun 20 May	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 27 May	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson
Sun 3 June	Christine Barker	Margaret Redpath

**Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allotted date**

### **CATT Events in May**

Sat 19 May 11.00am	CATT will be repeating the walk undertaken last year to Morton Lochs in support of CHRISTIAN AID, starting at the Scott & Fyfe car park. All welcome to come along. Bring a packed lunch.
Sun 27 May 6.30pm	The annual SONGS OF PRAISE will be held on Pentecost Sunday in Our Lady's Catholic Church, hopefully in the garden. The PA system and some chairs from St Margaret's will be required. Helpers welcome!